Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—If any particular object is sought to be achieved by means of this question and if Government's attention is drawn to it, certainly an enquiry will be made into that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are not the Government aware that Members will put questions which are so very difficult and embarassing?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is a question of utility of these answers. The time and labour involved should be commensurate with the purpose served.

Retiring of Government Officers after 30 years of service.

213. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of retiring all officers who have completed 30 years of service irrespective of the fact whether they are fifty-five years of age or not and never extending the period of any person even for a day after his completing his fifty-fifth year?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government regret that it is not possible to accept the suggestion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Give us some idea why it is not possible.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It will lead to hardship to existing people and it is not considered to be in the interests of efficiency or in the interests of the public as a whole to revise the existing procedure.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—To which sub division does the answer refer?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no sub-division. The question as understood by Government is that on the completion of 30 years of service whatever be the age of the person, whether he is 55 years or not, he should be retired. Now the question of extending or not the period of service of a servant after the 55th year is another matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I remember to have heard the Secretary to Government saying that it will affect the efficiency of service, if men are asked to retire after 30 years of service. May I know why?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—These people have been working for a long time. It is desirable to have a continuity of policy and keep them so long as under the existing rules they are able to do their duties efficiently. It is only in that sense that I mean it.

Recommendations made by the Kole Committee.

214. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what action they have taken on the recommendations made by the Kole Committee appointed by the Government in the year 1095—96;

(b) have the Government received complaints of the failure of the kole cultivation after 1095—96;

(c) are the Government aware that unsuccessful kole cultivation is one of the main causes for the economic helplessness of the inhabitants of the kole area in the State;

(d) considering the importance and magnitude of kole cultivation, will the Government be pleased to give immediate effect to the remedial measures suggested by the Kole Committee in their report of 1095—96?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the answer to Question No. 457, dated 26th March 1931.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, to some extent.

(d) Please see answer to (a) above.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the purport of the answer under reference?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Hon'ble Member will refer to the answer published in the proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Hon'ble Member is not in a position to give us some idea about it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I can only request the Hon'ble Member to refer to the printed proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That I can do without your advice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How can we refer to it? The answer is given only to-day.

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